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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on January 9, 2017 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 31, 1/6/2017
SB 4, 1/6/2017
SB 62, 1/6/2017

HEARING ON SB 31

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:30 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 31, Require
medicaid reimbursement for drug therapy management.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:11 Carla Cobb, clinical pharmacist practitioner, River Stone Health, Community
Health Center, Billings

EXHIBIT(phs06a01)

00:14:46 Greg Dorrington, attorney, Crowley Fleck PLLP, lobbyist representing Montana
Medical Association

00:15:33 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)
Montana

00:18:17 Alicia Smith, NAMI Montana

00:20:44 Sandy Jankowski, volunteer advocate, AARP Montana

EXHIBIT(phs06a02)

00:23:05 Quentin Schroeter, NAMI Montana

00:28:25 Aidan Myhre, Glaxo SmithKlein and Kalispell Regional Medical Center

00:30:12 Jill Steeley, executive director, PureView Health Center

00:32:03 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association

EXHIBIT(phs06a03)

00:34:26 Jim Hajny, executive director, Montana's Peer Network

00:36:33 Taylor Sandrick, pharmacist, St. Peter's Hospital

00:37:07 Jerry Driscoll, Independent Pharmacies Cooperative

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:37:50 Duane Preshinger, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:11 Sen. Sands

00:39:08 Mr. Preshinger, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:37 Sen. Olszewski

HEARING ON SB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:28 Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 62, Certification for behavioral health peer support specialists.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:33 Kris Hansen, former state Senator and member Sentencing Commission

00:48:06 Sen. Dee Brown, SD 2

00:49:47 Glenn Oppel, Council of State Governments

EXHIBIT(phs06a04)

00:50:46 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Montana

00:53:49 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

00:55:43 Alicia Smith, NAMI Montana

00:57:36 Derek Gibbs, nationally certified addiction counselor

01:02:46 Robert Howe, executive director, Good Neighbors Montana

01:05:11 Laurie Pope, peer support recovery coach

01:08:02 Michelle Lewis, peer support specialist, Severe Disabling Mental Illness Waiver Program

01:12:17 Thomas James (TJ) Bryant, representing himself

01:15:47 James Gibbs, representing himself

01:17:15 Kathy McGowan, Western Montana Community Health Center

01:18:21 Jim Hajny, executive director, Montana's Peer Network (MPN)

EXHIBIT(phs06a05)

01:22:14 Charlie McCarthy, representing himself

01:26:47 Michelle Jermunson, representing herself

01:27:04 Sen. Smith left the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:27:47 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry

01:28:08 Adrainne Slaughter, Department of Corrections

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:28:33 Sen. Sands

01:29:11 Mr. Hajny, MPN

01:30:12 Chair Howard

01:30:27 Sen. Wolken

01:30:47 Mr. D. Gibbs, counselor

01:30:54 Chair Howard

01:30:56 Mr. Gibbs

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:54 Sen. Wolken

HEARING ON SB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:32:42 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 4, Eliminate certain DPHHS advisory councils and reports.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:38:03 Mary Dalton, Medicaid Health Branch Services

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:59 Sen. Sands

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:35 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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